

REMARKS

Formalities

With this Amendment, Applicants add new Claims 92-142. Therefore, Claims 1, 4, 5, 33-41, 66-70, 72-74, 80-87, 89, and 92-142 are all the claims currently pending in the present Application.

Examiner's Amendment of October 19, 2005

In the Examiner's Amendment of October 19, 2005, the Examiner cancelled previously-withdrawn Claims 2, 3, 6-32, 42-65, and 75-79.

Applicants note that Claims 2 and 3 were dependent on allowed Claim 1. Claim 6 was dependent on allowed Claim 5. Claims 9-32 and 42-65 were dependent, in the alternative, on allowed Claim 1 and allowed Claim 5. Therefore, Claims 2, 3, 6, 9-32 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5), and Claims 42-65 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5) should have been allowed based on their dependence on an allowed claim.

The Examiner's Amendment of October 19, 2005 states that Applicants' representative authorized the cancellation of all of the withdrawn claims. Applicants' note, as discussed with the Examiner via telephone on January 11, 2006, that there was a miscommunication between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, and that Claims 2, 3, 6, 9-32 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5), and Claims 42-65 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5) should not have been cancelled.

Therefore, as discussed below, Claims 2, 3, 6, 9-32 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5), and Claims 42-65 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5) have been rewritten as new Claims 92-142, and are added in this Amendment.

New Claims 92-142

With this Amendment, Applicants add new Claims 92-142 in order to replace cancelled Claims 2, 3, 6, 9-32 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5), and Claims 42-65 (as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5).

New Claim 92 corresponds to previous Claim 2.

New Claim 93 corresponds to previous Claim 3.

New Claim 94 corresponds to previous Claim 6.

New Claims 95-118 correspond to previous Claims 9-32, as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5.

New Claims 119-142 correspond to previous Claims 42-65, as dependent on Claim 1 or Claim 5.

No new matter is added.

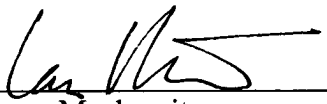
Applicants submit that new Claims 92-142 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on allowed Claim 1 or allowed Claim 5. Applicants respectfully request that new Claims 92-142 be entered and allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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